

Strengthening last-mile health care in Odisha and Chhattisgarh

Bhubaneswar : Odisha and Chhattisgarh are proverbial paradox states that sit at the heart of the country's mineral economy, supplying coal, bauxite, aluminium, and iron ore that power industrial growth. Yet, across large swathes of their rural districts, health indicators continue to lag behind national averages. Inaccessibility, nutritional vulnerability, and the absence of quality care remain a bane for the people. Government surveys underscore why this approach matters. The National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) reveals that challenges persist in nutrition, maternal



health, and early disease detection, particularly in underserved districts. Through the years, Vedanta Aluminium's integrated health model has demonstrated measurable impact across its operational regions. With sustained community engagement and expanded infrastructure, the company has impacted

over 7 lakh beneficiaries across Odisha and Chhattisgarh, reached 4,09,079 people through health awareness initiatives, and recorded a combined 1.74 lakh footfall across its three hospitals. The MHUs cover more than 200 villages across Odisha and Chhattisgarh with doorstep healthcare services.